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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 284-512 were previously pending in this application. Claims 295, 337 and 440-442 have been amended above. No claims have been added or canceled by this paper. Accordingly, claims 284-512 as amended above are presented for further examination.

Five claims have been amended above. In claim 337, which is drawn to a process for preparing a labeled oligo- or polynucleotide of interest, the last step (B) has been changed to read "... thereby preparing a labeled oligo- or polynucleotide of interest, or preparing said oligo- or polynucleotide of interest from said oligo- or polynucleotide recited in step (A) (2) above." It is believed that the inserted language clarifies the subject matter in claim 337. Claims 295 and 440-442 have also been amended by removing the capitalization of the lectin, concanavalin A. The latter changes are believed to comport with the usage and spelling in the art.

No new matter is believed to be inserted by the above amendments to the claims. Their entry is respectfully requested.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Five claims (295, 337 and 240-242) have been amended by this paper which is Applicants' Sixth Supplemental Amendment. As amended above, claims 284-512 are presented for further examination in this application.

No fee or fees are believed due for filing this Fifth Supplemental Amendment. In the event, however, that any fee or fees are due, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 05-1135, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

If a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of the present application, Applicants' undersigned attorney request that he be contacted at the number provided below.

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